

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Chester, Tennessee

Number of farms

512 farms in 2002, 505 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

78,807 acres in 2002, 82,568 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

154 acres in 2002, 164 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$4,814,000 in 2002, \$6,051,000 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,215,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,599,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

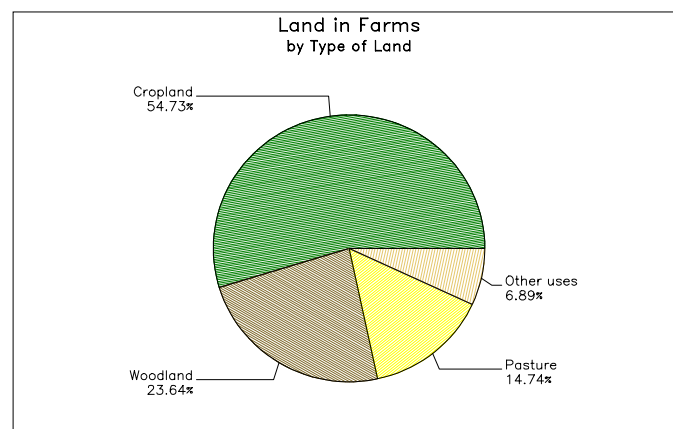
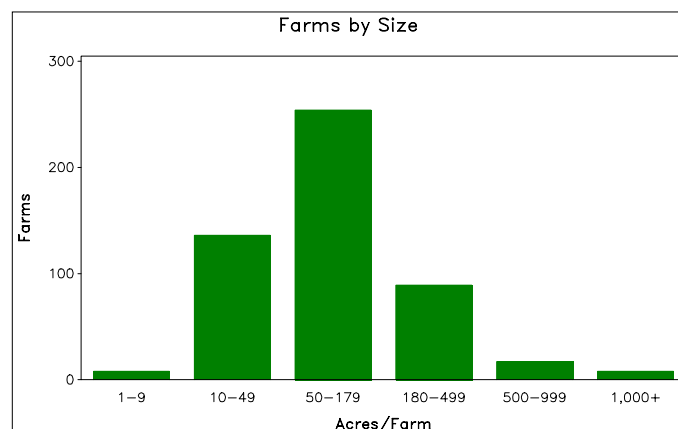
\$9,402 in 2002, \$11,982 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Government Payments

\$566,000 in 2002, \$727,000 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,448 in 2002, \$2,625 in 1997, down 7 percent.



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Ranked items among the 95 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,814	84	95	2,779	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,215	62	95	2,312	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,599	91	95	2,778	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,445	31	94	1,496	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	69	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	355	20	24	456	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	156	46	92	1,485	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	24	89	94	2,425	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	230	73	95	2,459	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	75	93	2,172	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,379	86	95	2,405	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	47	45	93	1,718	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	76	94	2,414	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	32	90	94	2,584	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	52	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	128	10	89	768	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	8,359	83	95	2,199	3,059
Horses and ponies	618	75	95	1,906	3,065
Hogs and pigs	601	32	93	1,550	2,926
Quail	325	27	52	576	1,412
Layers 20 weeks old and older	318	81	94	2,226	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	9,895	24	81	1,039	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,869	81	95	1,975	3,059
Corn for grain	4,824	30	94	1,290	2,592
All Cotton	1,280	20	24	466	663
All Wheat for grain	989	31	81	1,546	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	231	Farming	248
\$1,000 to \$2,499	84	Other	264
\$2,500 to \$4,999	57		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	46	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Male	423
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	89
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	668
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	18
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,789	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	11,264	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-385	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-749	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.